

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(b))-INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As below named inventor I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled: RETAIL SNACK FOOD PACKAGE WITH DIP IN THE BAG described in:

(X) the specification filed here.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights to the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention or to my concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(a).

I acknowledge the duty to file in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying or at the time of paying the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date in which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(B)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon

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